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A Two-day International Conference (Hybrid Mode)

Sponsored by

Shastri Indo - Canadian Institute

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Organized by

School of Arts, Sciences, Humanities and Education (SASHE)

SASTRA Deemed to be University, Thanjavur - 613401, India. categorization of Universities for Graded Autonomy Regulations, 2018. Twelve engineering programmes of SASTRA have been internationally accredited for a period of 9 years by the Institution of Engineering & Technology (IET), UK recognizing SASTRA's academic excellence.

The Chennai campus of SASTRA is a symbol of SASTRA's academic exploration into the realms of non - STEM education. The progressive plans to offer UG, PG & Ph.D. programmes in Economics, Public Policy, Journalism, Management, Commerce, Law, Digital Media, etc. provide learners a unique opportunity to experience the spirit of non-STEM education in a comprehensive ecosystem. With a blend of experienced and committed full-time/part-time professors and research scholars, this campus adds new dimensions to SASTRA's teaching & research landscape in moving towards a truly multi-disciplinary university.

# SASHE

The School comprises faculty from Chemistry, Education, English, Mathematics and Physics streams. The English and Science streams function since 1984 and offer Basic English and Technical Courses to various disciplines including Engineering, Optometry, Education Law, Management. SASHE recently organised a three-day Mega International Mathematics Conclave (23 - 25 Nov. 2023) addressed by 20 world renowned keynote speakers crowned with prestigious awards. The science stream has organized several International Conferences with paper presentations and invited talks of high quality.

Education courses offered from 2016 cater to the needs of aspiring student-teachers. The vision of the programme is to promote excellence in teaching an enlightened society. The School offers four-year integrated B.Sc.B.Ed., B.A.B.Ed., M.Sc. and 5 year M.Sc. integrated programmes apart from Ph.D. spreading across the domains of Sciences, Arts, Humanities and Education. The research activities of the School are supported through extramural funds from various government agencies like DST, DRDO, National Board of Higher Mathematics (NBHM), etc.

# SHASTRI INDO - CANADIAN INSTITUTE

The Shastri Indo - Canadian Institute has been fostering scholarly activities between India and Canada over the past fifty years. The institute strengthens the binational links between academia, the business community, and civil society organizations by funding various research activities and hosting seminars. SICI is the only institution that has II6 premier academic institutions in India as its members, and 39 universities in Canada. The mission is to further widen the intellectual and cultural linkages through progressive research.

### **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

Eco-spirituality describes how one relates, rather than seeking, to the sacred within the context of our natural, global, and cosmic eco-system of which we all form a part. Due to the multifaceted environmental problems being encountered globally, the need to respect the environment has started gaining

momentum. Therefore, in the POST -COVID era, having a reverential attitude toward the environment in taking care of it while dwelling within its premises is finding momentum in expression. As such, understanding the inter-relationships between all living beings on earth and recognizing their interdependency while appreciating their value is gaining impetus in everyone's perception. The urgent need for implementing Green Economical activities, both traditional and modern, is felt in every nook and corner of the world. From time unknown, great literary writers, poets, scientists and environmentalists have stressed upon the feeling of oneness with the universe, respecting surroundings, knowing the risks involved in creating an imbalance to the ecosystem, understanding the ethical dimensions, preserving and conserving nature, and perceiving a sense of awe in understanding the ecosystem. This proposed conference aims to revive and revisit these sacred domains and deduct new ways of 'Being Eco-spiritual' to sustain in the postcovid era.

#### SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

This conference is open to all streams/domains since nothing in this universe can escape the mien of Ecospirituality' - is all-inclusive. Therefore, call for papers is solicited from all domains.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

Original research papers (in English or Tamil) from all streams are invited for presentation at the conference. Papers will be accepted for presentation and publication only after passing the scrutinizing and peer-review process. We solicit high - quality original research papers. Papers are to be submitted through email to besaswl2024@sastra.ac.in

# **CONFERENCE THEMES**

Eco-literature
Eco-spirituality
Ecology

Green-economy / Blue-economy

Eco-psychology

Environmental Rights

Biodiversity & Nature

Climate Change

Energy, Food & Green-cooking /

Eco-kitchenware

Global Citizenship

Health & Well-being

Green-medicine

Eco-littering

Global Coastal and Marine Habitats

Green-education

Green-transports

**Eco-fuels** 

Green Politics or Eco - politics

Green-trading

Ecotextiles

**Bio-politics** 

Eco-mathematics
Green-trading
Eco - dance / Eco-songs / Eco-music /
Eco-musicology
Green - art, Ecological Art
Eco-technology
Green - aesthetics
Environmental Aesthetics
Eco - luxe / Eco-beauty / Green-beauty
Eco-interiors / Green-building / Eco-building/ Green Architecture
Eco-designing

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Last Date for Registration: <u>10th Feb. 2024</u> Submission of Abstracts: <u>15th Feb. 2024</u> Submission of Full Paper: <u>25th Feb. 2024</u>

# **GUIDELINES**

- Font Style: Times New Roman / Unicode for papers in Tamil
- Font Size: 12 points
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Page Limit: 5 pages

# BEST PAPER AND POSTER AWARDS

To encourage the young researchers below the age of 30 years, Best Paper & Poster Awards will be given. The full-length paper and poster along with the abstract should be sent to besasw12024@sastra.ac.in.

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Ph.D. Scholars of SASTRA: Rs. 600/-Ph.D. Scholars from other institutions: Rs. 725/-

Faculty of SASTRA: Rs. 750/Faculty from other institutions: Rs. 900/-

Foreign Delegates: Students: 100 USD Ph.D. Scholars: 125 USD Faculty: 150 USD

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# **ABOUT THANJAVUR**

Thanjavur, also known as Tanjore, is a city in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is famous for its rich cultural heritage and architectural marvels, including the Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city is also known for its traditional art forms like Carnatic music, Bharatanatyam dance, and Tanjore painting. Thanjavur is surrounded by fertile agricultural land and is known for its production of rice, silk, and handicrafts. It has a rich history and was the capital of the Chola dynasty in the 9th century. Today, Thanjavur is a popular tourist destination and a hub for art and culture in South India.

# ABOUT TRICHY, SRIRANGAM & KUMBAKONAM

Trichy, short for Tiruchirappalli, is a bustling city located in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is situated on the banks of the Kaveri River and is known for its rich cultural heritage, ancient temples, and delicious cuisine.

Srirangam, on the other hand, is a small town located within the city limits of Trichy. It is home to one of the largest and most important Hindu temples in India, the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple. Srirangam is also known for its serene atmosphere and beautiful natural surroundings, making it a popular destination for spiritual and nature enthusiasts alike.

Kumbakonam is a picturesque temple town in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur District, known for its ancient Hindu temples of worship.

The Kumba Mahamaham, which takes 13 angle, referring to the mythical pot of nectar held by Lord Brahma. This symbolism is ingrained in the town's culture and is reflected in its numerous temples and rituals.



Nadu. Kumbakonam is a town that holds a unique charm and spiritual significance. Known as the "Temple Town of South India," Kumbakonam is a place where history, culture, and spirituality converge seamlessly. With a rich tapestry of temples, festivals, and traditions, Kumbakonam has much to offer to the curious traveler and the devout pilgrim alike. Kumbakonam's history dates back to several centuries, and its name itself carries a story. Legend has it that the town's name is derived from the words 'Kumbha,' meaning pot, and 'Kona,' meaning angle, referring to the mythical pot of nectar held by Lord Brahma. This symbolism is ingrained in the town's culture and is

Kumbakonam is renowned for its plethora of temples, each with its own unique architecture and religious significance. Some of the must-visit temples include: Adi Kumbeswarar Temple, Sarangapani Nageswaran Temple, Temple. Kumbakonam Mahamaham Tank, Kasi Viswanathar Temple, Ramaswamy Temple, Chakrapani Temple, Someswarar Temple, Temple, Swamimalai Airavatesvara Murugan Temple, Navi Pillaiyar Temple, Brahmapureeswarar Temple, Srinivasa Perumal Temple, Suryanar Kovil, Kottai Mariamman Temple, Dharbaranyeswarar Temple, Ardhanareeswarar Temple, Uppiliappan Temple, Nachiyar Koil and Rajagopalaswamy Temple.

# INVITED TALKS



"Eco - Spirituality"

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"Being Eco - Spiritual"

Dr. Deatra Walsh
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"Empowering Small Communities to Address Climate Change Challenges"

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"Waste Valorization for a Circular Economy"

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"Navigating Eco Labeling: Unraveling Market Paradigms and Paradoxes"

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"Communicating Sustainability at the Grassroots"

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"Ecological Selfhood in the Anthropocene"

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'Being Eco-spiritual': A Way of Sustainable Living"

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"Communicating Eco-religion as Culture: Community Action for Sustainable Development""

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